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I. REMARKS

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The specification is amended to correctly reflect the continuing data.

An abstract is added in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and abstract by the current amendment. The attached is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the specification and abstract.

Abstract

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers stated that an abstract was not provided for this application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Abstract, as noted above.

Continuing data

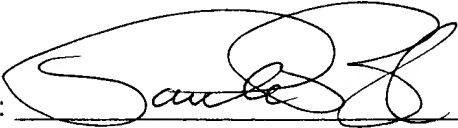
Applicants note that in the continuing data, the filing date of the parent case 08/717,084 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,225,290) is **September 20, 1996**. That this is the correct filing date for the 08/717,084 application is documented in the Request for Corrected Filing Receipt, which is being filed concurrently with this Preliminary Amendment.

II. CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCSF048CON.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, the paragraph beginning on page 3, please enter the following amendments:

-- **CROSS-REFERENCE**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application serial no. 09/254,988, filed June 11, 1999, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/US97/16523, filed September 18, 1997, which International Application was published by the International Bureau in English on March 26, 1998; and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application serial no. 08/717,084, filed September 20, 1996 [September 19, 1996], now U.S. Patent No. 6,225,290; which [application is] applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein and to which applications priority is claimed. --

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please enter the following text:

-- The present invention provides methods of delivering a secreted protein into the bloodstream of a mammal. A nucleic acid molecule encoding the protein is introduced into the gastrointestinal tract of the mammal, and the nucleic acid molecule enters an intestinal epithelial cell, where the protein is produced and secreted into the bloodstream of the mammal. --